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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated November 9, 2001, enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Mark A. Johnson, along with Added Page to Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Signature by Joint Inventors on Behalf of Non-Signing Inventor Who Cannot Be Reached Under (37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)). Also enclosed is Part 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.

In addition, enclosed is a Statement of Facts From a Person Having First Hand Knowledge of the Failure to Reach the Nonsigning Inventor (37 C.F.R. 1.47), and a Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor (37 C.F.R. 1.47).

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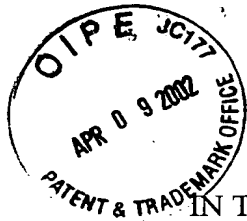
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge of \$130.00 to Deposit Account Number 01-2384. The Commissioner is asked to consider this a request for a three-month extension of time to and including April 9, 2002, to file this Response and is authorized hereby to debit Deposit Account 01-2384 in the amount of \$920.00 for payment of the three-month extension fee. If any additional extension or other fee is required, please charge Account No. 01-2384. A duplicate of this Response is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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I certify that the documents listed below:

- Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (2 pgs.), in duplicate
- Part 2 of Notice to File Missing Parts (1 pg.)
- Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Mark A. Johnson, with Added Page to Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Signature by Joint Inventors on Behalf of Non-Signing Inventor Who Cannot Be Reached Under (37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) (3 pgs.)
- Statement of Facts from a Person Having First Hand Knowledge of the Failure to Reach the Nonsigning Inventor (37 C.F.R. 1.47) (3 pgs.)
- Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor (37 C.F.R. 1.47) (3 pgs.)
- Copy of cover letter to Maureen L. Chase dated February 19, 2002 (4 pgs.)
- Return post card

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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**CERTIFIED MAIL
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**Re: GE Corporate Research and Development
Docket No. RD-28,600
U.S. Patent Application
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Our Ref.: 12764-102**

Dear Maureen:

We have received a Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified patent application. This notice is routinely sent by the Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in response to the filing of an application without signed formal documents. To fulfill the requirements of the notice, we must now obtain and file signed formal documents.

Enclosed is a copy of the application as filed, together with the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment. Please sign, in blue ink, the enclosed Declaration and Assignment forms. (Note that the Assignment requires notarization and that there are two copies of each form. Both copies should be originally executed by you). **After all of these documents have been signed and the assignments have been notarized, please return all documents to me via overnight mail.**

The declaration pertains to the invention as recited in the application claims. Therefore, please read the claims with particular care, and discuss them with me if you have any questions as to their scope or meaning. In addition, you should particularly note three things with respect to the declaration. In signing the declaration, all inventors will be verifying:

1. a number of statements with respect to originality of the invention;
2. that the inventor(s) listed on the declaration is/are the true inventor(s);



3. that you specifically acknowledge a duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office information of which you are aware which is material to the examination of the application.

With respect to (2) above, each named inventor must have made a contribution to the subject matter of at least one claim. If any inventor has any questions whether the inventorship is correctly stated, for example, whether an individual who is a joint inventor is not included or that an individual is listed who is not one of the inventors, please discuss this matter with me. It is improper to sign a declaration which, in your judgment at the time of signing, states the inventorship incorrectly.

With respect to (3) above, in a number of patent infringement suits, patents have been held unenforceable because the inventor or his attorney did not bring to the attention of the Patent Office relevant facts of which they were aware. These relevant facts include information about prior art and prior activities which relate to the originality or use of the invention. Such facts include:

- a. prior published articles, patents, product announcements, technical reports, lectures or other published material of the inventor or others relating to the invention in whole or in part;
- b. any public use or demonstration of products or methods which might be considered as pertaining to your invention;
- c. any commercial product over which your invention is an improvement;
- d. any pertinent co-worker's prior or contemporaneous work of which you have knowledge; and
- e. any sale or offer for sale of products incorporating your invention or made by its use.

Any items of the type noted above and any other available information bearing on the claimed invention should be brought to my attention. We can then present the pertinent facts to the Patent and Trademark Office. Please note that your duty to disclose such information is a continuing one. Hence, if you later discover any relevant information, you should promptly bring it to my attention.

Please satisfy yourself that all examples described in the application are accurate and operate and that the best mode contemplated by you of carrying out your invention is clearly set forth.

Maureen L. Chase
February 19, 2002
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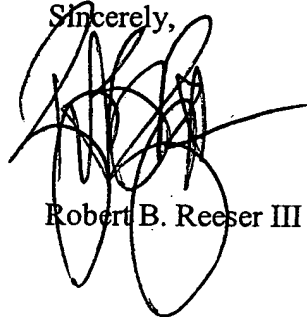


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If you have any questions or comments regarding your obligations as inventor, please call me.

Please sign and return this letter to me.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Reeser III

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Enclosures

I believe that I have fully identified to you all relevant facts pursuant to my duty of disclosure.

Maureen L. Chase

Date

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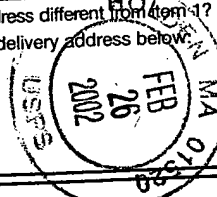
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